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1. EMBASSY IS PREPARING TO SEND DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFERING TWO SPACES IN REFERENCED COURSE. WHILE WE APPRECIATE POINT RAISED BY NEW DELHI (REF B) THAT THERE IS, AS YET NO DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN NEPAL, EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO TRAIN POLICE OFFICIALS TO STAFF SUCH AN AGENCY WHEN BASIC NARCOTICS LAW IS PASSED. THIS VIEW IS SHARED BY GON AUTHORITIES WHO WELCOME OUR OFFER OF TRAINING WHICH WILL ENABLE THEM TO ASSUME THESE RESPONSIBILITIES. WE ALSO THINK THAT AVAILABILITY OF TRAINING MAY ASSIST IN GETTING BASIC LEGISLATION PASSED. AT MINIMUM IT UNDERLINES IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO NARCOTICS CONTROL. IN ANY CASE EVEN IN ABSENCE OF NARCOTICS LEGISLATION, GON CONTINUES TO MAKE NARCOTICS ARRESTS AND DEPORTATIONS ON BASIS OF LOCAL INVESTIGATIONS. SUBJECT COURSE WOULD ENHANCE THIS INVESTIGATIVE CAPACITY.

2. WHILE GON WILL PROBABLY ACCEPT OUR OFFER, IT IS UNLIKELY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT GON OFFICERS CAN ATTEND WITHOUT USG PAYMENT OF

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, SINCE GON HAS NO BUDGETARY PROVISION FOR NARCOTICS TRAINING. WE HAVE, IN THE PAST, FUNDED TRAVEL FOR POLICE OFFICERS ATTENDING DEA AND IPA COURSES AND HAVE RECENTLY OFFERED TO PAY FOR OFFICIALS TO ATTEND CUSTOMS NARCOTICS TRAINING. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, LIKE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE SIMILAR OFFER IN THIS INSTANCE TO FUND TRAVEL FROM NEW DELHI AND RETURN, REQUESTING ONLY THAT GON PICK UP KATHMANDU-DELHI PORTION ON ITS NATIONAL AIRLINE. ADVISE SOONEST. QUAINTON

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